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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED PL 480

WHEAT ALLOCATION

1. DURING INFORMAL LUNCHEON AUG 6, FAHMY AND I
TOUCHED ON NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. ONE AMONG THESE
FORECAST A POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ONE MILLION
TONS OF PL 480 WHEAT IN FY 76.

2. FAHMY NOTED US WOULD HAVEST BUMPER CROP OF
WHEAT THIS YEAR AND THOUGHT USG SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE
ABOVE AMOUNT TO EGYPT UNDER PL 480. I OBSERVED THAT,
EVEN WITH GOOD HARVEST, THIS SEEMED UNLIKELY FROM
WHAT I HAD HEARD. EGYPT WAS ALREADY MAJOR RECIPIENT
OF PL 480 WHEAT WITH 650,000 TONS IN FY 1975.

3. FAHMY COMMENTED ON HOW THEY APPRECIATED YOUR
EFFORTS IN OBTAINING PRESENT PL 480 ALLOCATION,
LEAVING IMPLICATION THAT HE WOULD BE COUNTING ON
YOU TO MAKE SIMILAR EFFORT TO OBTAIN HIGHER AMOUNT.

4. WHEAT WAS ON HIS MIND AT THIS POINT AND HE
COMMENTED RUEFULLY ON EGYPTIAN PURCHASE OF 1 MILLION
TONS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT AT HIGHEST PRICE LEVEL
AND WONDERED HOW THEY MIGHT GET AUSTRALIANS

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TO GIVE THEM A REBATE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR NEXT

PURCHASE. I THOUGHT THIS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, SINCE
PURCHASE WAS COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION, BUT SUGGESTED
THAT EGYPT SEEK MORE FAVORABLE CREDIT TERMS WHICH WOULD
HAVE EFFECT OF BRINGING PRICE DOWN.

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